GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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RURAL ELECTRIFICATIONS IN NORTHERN AREAS OF WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether rural electrification has not been carried out completely in backward areas of Northern Areas in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b): As reported by the West Bengal State Electricity Board, the status of rural electrification in backward areas of the Northern Region of West Bengal is given below:-

S.No.	District	Total No. of inhabited Mouzas+ (as per 1991 Census)	Inhabited Mouzas+ Electrified (as on 31.3.2000)	% age of electrified
1.	Malda	1641	1584	96
2.	South Dinajpur	1534	1150	75
3.	North Dinajpur	1511	1250	83
4.	Jalpaiguri	734	725	99
5.	Coochbehar	1140	1117	98
6.	Darjeeling	620	506	82
	Total:	7180	6332	88

+ Mouzas are in effect villages.

The priorties for electrification are decided by the concerned State/SEBkeeping in mind the availability of resources, availability of essential infrastucture etc.